

107 1/2 St 9th St,
Bridgeport, Pa.
November 12, 1938.

Mr. Eric Newman
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mr. Newman:

Your copy of my booklet will reach you under separate cover. Thanks very much for your interest!

It is always a pleasure to hear from a fellow collector of Bank notes. You selected a rather rare group of notes for your specialty, although you will be faced the task of studying & collecting thousands of notes as you would have been had you selected a state like Penna or N.Y. for a specialty.

Years ago I realized that as you say "it is impossible to attain completeness in any part of them"; consequently in order to personally examine as many as possible, I made it a policy to buy & resell as frequently as possible, keeping only those of very special interest to me. In this way I managed to get considerable knowledge & data concerning the notes & at the same time built up a collection of notes of special significance to me. In this way I handled many notes - among them some Missouri items that may have been of interest to you. In my personal collection I have chiefly notes of special interest & all the possible Penna bank notes I could obtain. I may have some Missouri items in the box of unclassified notes. If I do, you may be sure that all preferences will be given you.

My most pressing need just now is Norristown, Pa. bank notes. Also any other Pa bank notes.

The most recent Bank of N. S. branch note I acquired was that of Fayetteville. I'll be on the lookout for the one you need.

I'll be glad to exchange banknotes with you, if you wish. Send a list of about 20 duplicates or the notes themselves & I'll do likewise - if this plan is satisfactory to you.

It is probable that my second booklet which shows the specific banknotes on which various characters & events are portrayed will be of more interest to you. I'll see that you get a complimentary copy as soon as it is off the press - which will be in about 10 days.

Any data you can supply me in regard to characters & events in your specialty will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest regards,
John A. Muscalus.

P.S.

Can you give me a paragraph of information about the Compton Hill Water Tower? Thanks very much!

107 West 9th
Bridgeport, Pa.
December 29, 1938

Dear Mr. Neuman:

Enclosed is a complimentary copy of another one of my publications.

I regret having delayed answering you, but have been very busy - away part of the time.

I found no duplicates in Missouri items that I could spare. Have only a few altogether of Mo. They are very rare to obtain.

Due to the loss of several of my most important numismatic items, I never lend any. However, when I have time I'll check over some of them & have excerpt copied for you in case there is anything pertaining to your field.

With best wishes,
John A. Murcalus.

P.S.

I'll try to write you before long & am questioning various collector friends relative to Mo. items.

Answered Jan 8, 1939

JOHN A. MUSCALUS
1042 FORD STREET Box 185
BRIDGEPORT, PA.

March 24, 1942

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman,

Would you be interested in any of the
following of my recent new publications?

Bibliography of Histories of Specific Banks - 50¢

Early Business College Bank Notes - 50¢

State Bank Notes - A Reference List with
Identification of Historical Interest 2.00

My collection of bank histories & business college
bank notes are the largest in the country and
are the primary basis of the respective publications.

Sincerely yours,
John A. Muscalus

CHASNOFF, WILLSON & CUNNINGHAM
BOATMEN'S BANK BUILDING
ST. LOUIS, MO.

April 14, 1942.

Mr. John A. Musculus,
Box 185,
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Musculus:-

I have been out of town and did not get a chance to reply to your letter of March 24th.

I have a great many business college bank notes and thought that since you indicate that you have the largest collection in the country you might find some new ones for your collection. If you will give me some indication as to what you need, I will be glad to exchange something for them.

With reference to your publication on State Bank Notes, which you describe as a "Reference List with Identifications of Historical Interest", I would appreciate knowing a little more accurately what the book contains so that I can obtain it if will be helpful to me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

EPN:VC

JOHN A. MUSCALUS

1043 FORD STREET Rm 185

BRIDGEPORT, PA.

April 18, 1944

Eric P. Newman
Boatmen's Bank Bldg
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I'm pleased to hear that you have some business college bank notes & am anxious to know about how many you have.

It's rather difficult for me to state just what ones I need; for there are so many varieties & so many branches of some institutions. I am willing to pay one dollar per specimen of any that I don't already possess a specimen. Would you care to send some on approval?

I do have quite a variety of the Eastern & of the Bryant-Stratton Chain of the East.

I see you're in the legal profession. I'm in the teaching profession. I may lend out West if the opportunity arises. Your state has very good professional standards in Education.

Sincerely,
John A. Muscalus.

CHASNOFF, WILLSON & CUNNINGHAM
BOATMEN'S BANK BUILDING
ST. LOUIS, MO.

April 23, 1942.

Mr. John A. Muscalus,
Box 185,
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Muscalus:-

Thank you for your letter of April 18th.
In view of the fact that you actively collect college bank
notes I am glad to see if I can fill in any items to your
collection. Your suggestion of paying \$1.00 per specimen
is satisfactory to me. I am therefore enclosing for your
inspection the following:

50¢ Eastman, Poughkeepsie, March 1, 1863
ret 10¢ Eastman, Poughkeepsie, surcharged
ret 10¢ Eastman, Poughkeepsie, unsurcharged
\$20.00 Nelson, Cincinnati, Jan. 1, 1866
\$3.00 Eastman, Poughkeepsie, horses, dog and sheep
ret \$3.00 National, New York, March 10, 1863
25¢ Allendale
\$50.00 National, New York, November 4, 1865
\$5.00 International, New York, March 15, 1865
ret \$10.00 International, New York, November 4, 1865
ret 50¢ Eastman, Chicago
\$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$50.00, \$100.00
Adelphi Academy, New York
\$1.00 Lowell, Binghamton, New York
\$3.00 Eastman, Poughkeepsie, two women, eagle and shield
\$20.00 National, Poughkeepsie, two women, eagle and shield
ret 3¢ Eastman, Poughkeepsie
1¢ United States Institute Bank, Easton, Penn.

I hope you will be able to find some of
these which you will be able to use.

Very truly yours,

EDN:VC

Note: The last five items are my personal property.
Balance are joint property.

JACOB CHASNOFF
GEORGE C. WILLSON
JOHN H. CUNNINGHAM, JR.
JAMES S. MCCLELLAN
ERIC P. NEWMAN

CHASNOFF, WILLSON & CUNNINGHAM
ATTORNEYS AND LEGAL COUNSELORS
BOATMEN'S BANK BUILDING
ST. LOUIS

Dear Mr. Muscalus,

I found a few more
college notes after digging around and I
hope these will help you. They are

- { \$10⁻ Drew's Bus College, Chicago
- 5⁰⁰ Nat College Bk Chicago
- 10¢ Eastman, Poughkeepsie (Held Back)
- 25¢ Evansville Bus Cal.
- { \$3⁰⁰ Int. College Bk, NY (Lincoln picture)

I am sure they are worth \$5⁰⁰ to you, if I let
you have the ones you returned for 25¢ each. This
would total \$6⁵⁰ altogether. I have a dup of one you bought, namely
~~\$3⁰⁰ Eastman. But whatever you want it is yours if you want it.~~
I'll keep an eye open for others for you as
I like to see collections of individual items approach
completeness.

With kindest regards

Eric P. Newman

5/8/42

Forwarded four of Johnson's

JOHN A. MUSCALUS

~~1043 FORD STREET~~
BRIDGEPORT, PA.

Box 183

April 30, 1942

Ernest P. Newman
St Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Many thanks for your promptness in sending the college currency in approval. I am enclosing my check for seventeen dollars (\$17.00) in payment of 17 specimens returned. I am returning 6 specimens which are worth 25¢ each to me if you have no use for them.

Please send any others you have & may get.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Muscalus

5/7/42 Sent him 11 more

5 of Johnsons	@	1.00
1 of Johnsons	@	.25
1 of mine	@	.25
4 of joint	@	.25

JOHN A. MUSCALUS

~~1043 FORD STREET~~

Bx 185

BRIDGEPORT, PA.

May 9, 1942

Erie P. Newman
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman,

My check for \$6⁵⁰ is enclosed in payment of the notes recently received from you. Thanks very much for your help in getting the new specimens. I'm pleased to have them & hope you will be able to send others.

I am sending you two copies of my booklet on the subject.

Am looking forward to hearing from you again.

Gratefully yours,
John A. Muscalus.

JOHN A. MUSCALUS

~~1043 FORD STREET~~ Box 183

BRIDGEPORT, PA.

May 16, 1882

Dear Mr. Newman,

I've sent you four dollars enclosed for
the four specimens. Thanks very much. \$4⁰⁰

I appreciate very much your assistance
in uncovering new specimens for me. Keep
up the excellent work.

A friend of mine is interested in occasional
duplicates.

Gratefully yours,
John A. Muscalus

CHASNOFF, WILLSON & CUNNINGHAM
BOATMEN'S BANK BUILDING
ST. LOUIS, MO.

June 8, 1942.

Mr. John Musculus,
Box 185,
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Musculus:-

I have found a few nice college bank notes to increase your collection. These are all Canadian items which, so far as your list discloses, you do not have. There is a set of Musgroves Mercantile Bank in denominations of \$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$100.00 and \$500.00, with an extra specimen of the \$500.00. There are also two other institutions with the obligation in both French and English. You may have the duplicate with my compliments if you buy the others on the basis you originally suggested, namely, for an aggregate of \$9.00.

Very truly yours,

EPN:VC
Enclosures.

JOHN A. MUSCALUS

~~1043 FORD STREET~~
BRIDGEPORT, PA.

Box 185

June 19, 1942

Dear Mrs. Newman,

You will find enclosed my check for nine dollars in payment of the Musgrove & other notes.

Your help is deeply appreciated.

Incidentally, do you happen to know what the title of the business college was that received the Musgrove notes? Musgrove was a partner with another man in a college venture in Toronto at an earlier date, also.

Do you have any rarities for sale in New Jersey items? (That is, if bad notes, etc.)

Hoping to hear from you again,
soon

Gratefully,
John A. Muscalus

CHASNOFF, WILLSON & CUNNINGHAM
BOATMEN'S BANK BUILDING
ST. LOUIS, MO.

June 26, 1942.

Mr. John H. Muscalus,
Box 185,
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Muscalus:-

I am sorry I am unable to give you any information on the Musgrove notes I recently sent you. I am sure in your research you will be able to obtain the information you desire.

With respect to New Jersey items, I have some which I will sell. If you are trying to obtain them from Mr. Dillistin, who specializes in these items, I want you to know I have fulfilled certain of his wants already. If the items are for your own collection or for some one else, I shall be glad to look them up for you.

Very truly yours,

EDN:VC

JOHN A. MUSCALUS

~~1043 FORD STREET~~

BRIDGEPORT, PA.

Box 185

July 5, 1942

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am interested in any N.J. items you may have provided they are not very common. My interest in N.J. has no connection with Dillestin. He has some N.J. items but not extensive.

Am also interested in acquiring any notes of Bank of U. S. & bank notes of District of Columbia.

Sincerely yours,
John A. Muscalus.

CHASNOFF, WILLSON & CUNNINGHAM
BOATMEN'S BANK BUILDING
ST. LOUIS, MO.

July 30, 1942.

Mr. John A. Muscalus,
Box 185,
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Muscalus:-

I have been out of town on my vacation and as a result did not have time to look up the items you wanted. I note that you can use scarcer New Jersey items, Bank of the United States items, and bank notes of the District of Columbia. I am enclosing herewith an assortment of bank notes of the District of Columbia in accordance with the list enclosed herewith. Would you look this over and see how many you can use. In the meantime I will look for your other wants as well as additional District of Columbia notes.

It would be a great deal easier for me if you would send me a list of the New Jersey items which you have in your collection.

Sincerely,

EPN:VC

~~444~~ District of Col Notes sent to Mr Muscalus

America \$3⁰⁰ g
Anacostia 5⁰⁰ ex f.
Bullion 1⁰⁰ 2⁰⁰ 3⁰⁰ 5⁰⁰ unc
C & O Canal 5⁰⁰ v.f.
Citizens 1⁰⁰ 2⁰⁰ fine
City 2⁰⁰ v.f.
Columbia 1⁰⁰ 3⁰⁰ 5⁰⁰ 10⁰⁰ 20⁰⁰ unc
Commerce (Picture of Lincoln) \$1⁰⁰ fair
Bk of D.C. \$5⁰⁰ f
Farm + Merch (Georgetown) \$1⁰⁰ 3⁰⁰ f
Farm + Merch (Washington) 25¢ 50¢ v.f. 1⁰⁰ g 1²⁵, 1⁵⁰, 1⁷⁵ unc 2⁰⁰ g
Govt Bk (Vandalia) 2⁰⁰ f 5⁰⁰ f
International 5⁰⁰ v.g.
Merchants 3⁰⁰ f
Mech + Trad 1⁰⁰ 3⁰⁰ unc
Mercantile (Vandalia) 1⁰⁰ 2⁰⁰ 5⁰⁰ unc
Merch of Alexandria (1815) 5⁰⁰ v.g.
Merchants 1⁰⁰ 3⁰⁰ unc
Merch Exch 1⁰⁰ f 3⁰⁰ f
Bank of N. A. 5⁰⁰ g
Potomac Riv 1⁰⁰ f
Potomac Sav 1⁰⁰ fine
Republic 5⁰⁰ 10⁰⁰ unc
Union 1⁰⁰ 2⁰⁰ 3⁰⁰ fine
Union of Georgetown (1815) \$5⁰⁰ g.

JOHN A. MUSCALUS
Box No. 185
BRIDGEPORT, PA.

Aug 2 '42

Dear friend Newman,

The notes arrived O.K. It is possible I may be able to pass on those that I don't wish to retain. Would you care to quote a price for the lot in case I do?

Incidentally, in my field of business college items, items pertaining to Institutes and various Societies come within the category; so if you look up any in the meantime between letters, send them along.

Assuring you of my appreciation for all favors,

Cordially,
John A. Muscalus.

CHASNOFF, WILLSON & CUNNINGHAM
BOATMEN'S BANK BUILDING
ST. LOUIS, MO.

August 7, 1942

Mr. John A. Muscalus
Box 185
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Muscalus:

The collection of Washington, D. C. notes which I forwarded to you include some very nice items, including odd denominations, varicolored notes, very early notes, etc. I think the lot is reasonably worth \$50.00.

I am enclosing a College bank note which I think I sent to you before. Please accept it with my compliments.

Can you give me an idea as to what New Jersey bills you wish, or how many different ones you have?

I get as much of a kick out of paper money as you do and hope some day I will be able to see your collection.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

EPN-AB
Enclosure

JOHN A. MUSCALUS

Box No. 185
BRIDGEPORT, PA.

August 10

Dear friend Newman,

My friend doesn't seem to appreciate good notes; so he turned down the opportunity. There are eleven that I wish to retain just now. Perhaps, I can take more later. My check for \$11.00 is enclosed provided the price is same as for other notes. If I misunderstood, I'll straighten it out.

Thanks very much for the complimentary note!

Can you supply any of the following?

notes issued by Maryland Savings Bank.

N. C. Treasury notes, 1823.

N. C. - Bank of New Bern, Bank of North Carolina.

Bank of State of Missouri

Merchants Bank, N. Y. C.

Bank of Delaware

I'll keep you informed of others I need. They are not necessarily rare.

Gratefully yours,
John A. Muscalus.

P.S.

I have an 1859 Greenback & Day Descriptive Register of Genuine Bank Notes for disposal. I'll exchange for 5 notes I want - D & C included. I'll get to the N. J. wants shortly.

CHASNOFF, WILLSON & CUNNINGHAM
BOATMEN'S BANK BUILDING
ST. LOUIS, MO.

August 15, 1942

Mr. John Muscalus
Box 185
Bridgeport, Pa.

Dear Mr. Muscalus,

I found two college bank tokens which I think should go with your paper collection. They are enclosed and are worth \$1.00 for the two.

As to your list of wants I am enclosing the following:

\$3 Bank of the State of Mo.	\$.75
\$20 Bank of the State of Mo. (rare)	2.50
\$5, 10, 20, 50 Bank of North Carolina	4.50 for the set
\$5 Merchants of N.Y. signed by Rich. Varick, mayor (1815) rare	2.50
\$5 Merchants of N.Y. (1852)	.75
\$3 Merchants of N.Y. (1830)	1.75
\$1 Bank of Delaware	1.50

I have some 1814 North Carolina Treasury notes which I want to keep but I never saw an 1823 issue. In Bank of New Bern I have a proof that has no bank name but is supposed to be the Bank of New Bern. I do not have any notes of Maryland Savings Bank and wonder if that is the exact name.

As to the Washington D.C. notes which you selected I do feel that there is still something coming to me because my price was not intended to be averaged because the better ones were selected. I ought to receive about \$3.50 more and you probably feel the same way about it. The early notes of D.C. are really rare and do not seem to come in better shape.

I am returning all the Washington D.C. items so that you may select any of the balance ~~at~~ in exchange for the Bank note register if it is in decent condition. I would like very much to have a bank note register so that I don't have to go to libraries for them.

If you want to keep all the rest of the Washington D.C. notes and buy all of the enclosed (other than those in the trade for the book) you may have a 10% discount on the net balance of \$49.25.

Be sure to send the register by the book rate and don't bother to insure it.

Sincerely ,

JOHN A. MUSCALUS
Box No. 185
BRIDGEPORT, PA.

Aug. 18 '42

Dear friend Newman,

Your copy of the Register is on its way. I have a
fine copy of Hedges for sale. It's much larger & thicker
than the Burgess & Day. Descriptions are placed over plates
in black form ~~7-7-7~~

Per note sent, I am returning
\$5 Merchants 1859 at 1.75
3 " 1830 " 1.75

Total 2.50

also, one extra D & C. 1.25

Tokens 1.00

Currency 3.50

Total 8.25

Of the others, I have the #20 B & S of Ms. The #3 is too
obscure as is the #1 B & S of Ms. The others I either have or
the specimens are in condition to suit present needs. If
I can't locate better ones, I'll write again.

I want all the Savings Banks of Maryland.

Many notes in my collection are proofs or unissued
& in many instances it is necessary to get others to sup-
plement them for various purposes, especially also when
some notes are too worn

Have you issues of Elocutory Bank (Ohio) or other
Hamilton^{Ohio} issues? State Bank of Indiana?

Sincerely,

John A. Muscalus.

Dist. of Col. Notes sent to Mr. Macaluso

America \$3⁰⁰ g
Ancestry (5⁰⁰ ex f)
Callion 1⁰⁰ 2⁰⁰ 3⁰⁰ 5⁰⁰ unc
C & O Canal 5⁰⁰ v f
Citizens (1⁰⁰) 2⁰⁰ fine
City (2⁰⁰) v f
Columbia 1⁰⁰ 3⁰⁰ 5⁰⁰ 10⁰⁰ 20⁰⁰ unc
Commerce (Picture of Lincoln) (1⁰⁰) fair
Bk of D.C. (5⁰⁰) f
Farms & Merch (Longtown) (#1⁰⁰) (3⁰⁰) f
Farms & Merch (Washington) (2⁰⁰) 50¢ v f (1⁰⁰ g) (1²⁵) (1⁵⁰) (1⁷⁵) uncl 2⁰⁰ v g
Govt Bk (Various) 2⁰⁰ f 5⁰⁰ f
International (5⁰⁰) v g
Mechanics (3⁰⁰) f
Mech & Trad 1⁰⁰ 3⁰⁰ unc
Miscellaneous (Various) 1⁰⁰ 2⁰⁰ 5⁰⁰ unc
Museum of Alexandria (1815) (5⁰⁰) v g
Machinery 1⁰⁰ 3⁰⁰ unc
Mach Exch 1⁰⁰ f 3⁰⁰ f
Emb of N. A. (5⁰⁰) g
Potomac Riv 1⁰⁰ f
Potomac Sav (1⁰⁰) fine
Republic 5⁰⁰ 10⁰⁰ unc
Union 1⁰⁰ 2⁰⁰ 3⁰⁰ fine
Union of Georgetown (1815) (#1⁰⁰) g

Took 11 the first time
6 the second time

CHASNOFF, WILLSON & CUNNINGHAM
BOATMEN'S BANK BUILDING
ST. LOUIS, MO.

September 1, 1942.

Mr. John Muscalus,
Box 185,
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Muscalus:-

With reference to your Hodge, I would like to know what date it is. I would like to acquire a register prior to the 1937 panic. Do you have one of those?

You stated that you had a \$20.00 Bank of the State of Missouri. I would very much like to exchange the one which I enclose for yours if yours is a variety I do not have and give you a little something extra. In any event would you tell me the date on yours, whether it is countersigned and registered, and what branch bank, if any, it may be drawn on.

With respect to the savings banks of Maryland, I have a lovely collection of them and am enclosing it for your inspection. I am also enclosing a list of the particular items showing a substantial number of 6½ and 12½¢ notes. As you know, notes of that denomination are not very easy to obtain. Tell me what you would like to do with respect to these notes and I will try to arrange something which will be satisfactory to you.

Sincerely yours,

EN:VC

Notes forwarded to
Musculus 9/2/42

Patapasco Sav Fund 12½ of 25¢ 50¢ #100 of 50¢
 Potomac Sav Fund 25¢ of 50¢
 Mechanics Sav Fund 64¢ 25¢ of 50¢
 Frederick Town \$100 of 50¢
 Tello Point Sav Inst 25¢ of 50¢
 Cumberland Sav Bk \$50 of 50¢
 Citizens Sav Inst 50¢ of 50¢
 Chesapeake Sav Fund 64¢ of 12½¢
 Baltimore RE Sav Inst 64¢ of 12½¢ 50¢ of 11¢
 Baltimore Savings Inst #100 of 50¢ of 25¢ of 12½¢ 64¢
 Central Sav Inst of Balt 64¢ of 12½¢ 50¢
 Western Md Sav Inst 12½¢ of 25¢ of 50¢ of 100¢
 Westminster Savings Inst 12½¢ of 50¢
 Maryland Savings Inst (Singular Bonds) 500¢
 Somerset & Worcester Sav Bk 100¢ of 200¢ of 300¢ of 500¢ (in green)
 " " " " 100¢ of 200¢ of 300¢ of 500¢ (in red)

41 bills

5	64¢	-	100¢	200¢ of	=	700	200
7	12½¢	-	100¢	100¢ of		700	171
others	100¢	100¢	100¢	100¢		1250	900
	100¢					1300	

5425

JOHN A. MUSCALUS
Box No. 185
BRIDGEPORT, PA.

Sept. 12 '42

Dear friend Newman,

You will find enclosed the #20 B of M's letter @ which I am sending in exchange for yours, letter D, apparently that is the only difference outside of the No. Evidently these notes were printed four to a sheet of side denomination.

My Hodge is 1858. I don't think Hodge goes back to 1837. I disposed of quite a number of detectors, but I don't think I had any prior to 1837. Will inform you if any I come across.

I regard to the Maryland notes, there are only two that I particularly want, & both of them are pretty bad. I could probably use the whole lot, depending on the price.

Am receiving quite a number of interesting replies to my ad.

Sincerely,
John A. Muscalus.

P.S.

Do you have much available in statistics re the B of M? I do, but there are certain statistics I still need or that aren't clear,

CHASNOFF, WILLSON & CUNNINGHAM
BOATMEN'S BANK BUILDING
ST. LOUIS, MO.

September 17, 1942.

Mr. John Muscalus,
Box 185,
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Muscalus:-

The swap of the \$20.00 Bank of the State of Missouri unfortunately did not add to my collection. I was looking for later issues which are slightly different. I think that if we go after plate letters we would end up in an institution.

Your inquiry concerning statistics on the Bank of the State of Missouri I can answer by stating that a Dr. Cable wrote a very extensive thesis on the Bank of the State of Missouri which was published by Columbia University in a series of publications which they issue. If you need more than that let me know.

Your advertisement was most interesting and no doubt you will be offered a good deal of material.

With reference to the items which I forwarded to you, I think the following basis is fair: On denominations of 64¢ \$1.75 if the note is fine and \$2.00 if very fine; on the 123¢ notes, \$1.50 if the note is fine, \$1.75 if the note is very fine. On all the others \$1.50 if the note is very fine; \$1.25 if the note is fine, and \$1.00 if the note is very good or worse. If you want them all, or substantially all, I think you should have a 10% discount on those figures.

I am exhibiting some paper money at a department store in St. Louis and find that the outside public appears to be more interested in paper money than in coins.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

EPN:VC

JOHN A. MUSCALUS
Box No. 185
BRIDGEPORT, PA.

Oct. 4, 1942

Dear friend Newman,

I took longer to reply than I should have due to several trips to examine notes.

Of the notes you sent, I am retaining the \$5. Cumberland Savings Bank at one dollar.

Could you give me an idea as to your price for the whole works? Keep the yellow sheet handy for a while until I see if we can make a deal. A friend of mine may take the collection if I don't although I'm very much interested in it myself.

I acquired a Gwynne Day, 1862 with 24 page supplement.

Am well acquainted with Coole's work but there is still much data I am trying to unravel relative to the Bank.

So far, none of the offers in response to my ad mentioned Missouri notes.

Sincerely,

John A. Muscalus.

P.S.

Have you any statistical tables concerning the B of the S. of Mo? Keep me informed of any of the other items listed in my ad should you happen to acquire any.

CHASNOFF, WILLSON & CUNNINGHAM
BOATMEN'S BANK BUILDING
ST. LOUIS, MO.

October 6, 1942.

Mr. John A. Muscalus,
Box 185,
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Muscalus:-

Today I received a letter from you post-marked "October 5, 8:30 A. M." with a list of items I forwarded to you on September 2, 1942. On this list there is a check mark in front of Cumberland Savings Bank \$5.00. There was nothing else in the envelope which was not sealed except in a small portion of the center. Would you please let me know whether the contents were omitted from this letter or whether they could have been taken out. I certainly hope it is the former and it probably is.

Sincerely yours,

EPN:VC

CHASNOFF, WILLSON & CUNNINGHAM
BOATMEN'S BANK BUILDING
ST. LOUIS, MO.

October 8, 1942.

Mr. John Muscalus,
Box 185,
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Muscalus:-

I see that you mailed the list and the notes back separately and all have arrived.

According to the prices I set the total of the notes left comes to \$53.25. These are nice notes and I do not feel that they were over-priced. I said that you could have a 10% discount if you took them all, which would give you a deduction of \$5.32. I frankly think they are fully worth that and will try to hold them for you or your friend.

Will you part with the Gwynne & Day of 1862 or work some exchange for the one which you previously sent me? I would like to get a later bank note reporter of some sort. As to the Bank of the State of Missouri there are published annual reports some of which are in the Mercantile Library here. I probably have more different notes of the Bank of the State of Missouri than any one. If you want me to get these few reports from the library and send them to you I will be glad to oblige, but they are not very satisfactory. The Cable article is as complete as any information which I have been able to find.

Sincerely,

EPN:VC

JOHN A. MUSCALUS
Box No. 185
BRIDGEPORT, PA.

Oct. 25, 1942

Dear Mr. Newman:

In reference to the 1862 issues of Gwynne + Day,
it has the following notes listed that are not in
the 1859 issue:

Union Bank of Missouri \$5, 10, 20, 50, 100

Western " " " \$5, 10, 20.

If you need any other information relative to the
above, I'll be pleased to do so.

If it is not inconvenient, I'd like very much to
see the notes of the Bank of the State of Missouri. I'd
return within one day after receipt.

Sincerely,
John A. Muscalus.

Would trade the Gwynedd Day for yours + one
dollar extra. My only reason for asking the
additional dollar is that I'll have two
copies of same date on my hands. If satisfactory,
I'll send it at once.

J. A. Muscalus
Box 185
Bridgeport, Pa.

Thanks for finding out about the Reports.
J. A. M.

CHASNOFF, WILLSON & CUNNINGHAM
BOATMEN'S BANK BUILDING
ST. LOUIS, MO.

November 9, 1942

Mr. John A. Muscalus
Box 185
Bridgeport, Pa.

Dear Mr. Muscalus:

I am sending under separate cover the register which I bought from you, in exchange for one of a later date which I presume is in similar condition. There is also enclosed \$1.00 in accordance with your postal.

I appreciate your kindness in taking care of this matter for me.

Sincerely,

EPN-AB
Enclosure

JOHN A. MUSCALUS
Box No. 185
BRIDGEPORT, PA.

Dec. 20, 1942

Dear Mr. Newman,

I am enclosing herewith an item that may be of interest to you because of its relationship to your city, the autographs & the prominence of the Bank. Price is one dollar if you care to keep it.

I hope you find the bank note register quite useful. As for the supplement in that it contained, I couldn't figure out the pagination. Evidently it was to go with a later issue.

Wishing you the best that the Xmas Holiday can provide + a beneficially eventful New Year,

Cordially,

John A. Muscalus.

Answered 1/4/43
Item returned

JOHN A. MUSCALUS

Box No. 185

BRIDGEPORT, PA.

3 - 10 - 43

Dear friend, Newman,

I have a rare copy of "Becknell's Reporter, Counterfeit Detector, and General Prices Current" of August 9, 1836. It's a 4 page (2 sheets) affair measuring about 2 feet by 3 feet.

Price is \$3.00 if you can use it. Offhand, I'd say it doesn't help much with Mercanti.

Cordially,
John A. Muscalus.

DR. JOHN A. MUSCALUS
Box No. 185
BRIDGEPORT, PA.

17 May 1945

Dear Eric,

How have things been going for you lately?
Fine, I hope.

You helped me out in the past with some interesting
business college + similar notes. If you have any others,
I'd appreciate hearing concerning them.

Cordially,
John A. Muscalus

although the issue of such notes after 1890 was rare, the continued dissemination of all such note issues was due to a Federal statute which prohibited the production and use of anything resembling United States currency. This act ended the use of bank notes as an educational device in business schools. What few specimens were in use in later years were remote in appearance from the original bank notes and were not readily distinguishable from the general circulating medium.

In the descriptions of the notes, "T" refers to the left end of the note, "C" to the center, and "B" to the right end. The names of the notes are in general derived from the notes. Some institutions changed names several times and issued notes with each new name. The parentheses enclose the names of the lithographers or engravers of the notes. Color refers to the ink used, especially when the ink was other than black.

I wish to express my gratefulness to my good friends D. C. Warner, Jack Sparo, H. L. Thompson, N. J. Hill, Eric F. Newman, and J. Douglas Ferguson for their interest and helpfulness.

—JOHN A. MUSCULUS

March, 1946.

1. My former monograph entitled, "Early Business College Bank Notes," listed and described 64 notes. This work lists and describes about 400 notes of all types of educational institutions and organizations.

2. "Barrens Federal Code", 1919, Section 9874, Act of March 4, 1909.

3. For the effects of this act on popular knowledge of United States paper currency, see John A. Musculus, "United States Paper Money as an Aid in Teaching American History", *The Social Studies*, April, 1937, (Vol. XXVIII, No. 4, pp. 176-178).

4. For illustrations, lists, or other data, see the author's publications on state bank notes.

*Enclosed you see for some explanation
copied*

John A. Musculus
Box 185
Butteport, Pa

Paper Money of Early Educational Institutions and Organizations

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

100. The Union Business College
L. Eagle. C. "The Union Business College", dog and sale. R. Two children. (M. D. Carr & Co.).

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

Hartford Business College

55. Green & Black. L. Crawford's Statue of Freedom. C. "The Landing of the Pilgrims". R. Justice seated. Aug. 1877. (Knebl & Bulkeley Co.). Back in green.

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

National College of Business

56. L. Head of Crawford's Statue of Freedom. C. Red seal. "National College Bank". R. 2. Female with shield. C. U. S. Capitol, spread eagle, blazon and white. If stored, This note is receivable at par in the actual business and white. If stored, This note is receivable at par in the actual business only to students of the Practical Department upon deposit of lawful Currency.
101. As preceding note except for denomination and 10 in right top corner.

Yale Business College

57. L. Green. L. Female with shield. C. U. S. Capitol, spread eagle, blazon. R. Corn gatherer. I above. Red circular anachronism on left and on right. November 1st, 1818. [This is engraver's error. The other Notes of this series are 1881]. Remus Clark Loveidge, Pres. Back in light green, denomination in white.
58. As preceding except denomination. Dated November 1st, 1881. Back in deep green.
59. As preceding, except denomination. Dated November 1st, 1881.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Eastman Business College

55. Green and Black. L. Indian girl with liberty cap floating on Georgia coast of arms. C. Title. Female with cornucopia. R. Lady smelling a flower. V on green disc. (Lib. of Jacob Hay, 5 College Place, N. Y.).

Goldsmith & Sullivan's Business College

100. L. 100. C. Title. R. ONE HUNDRED. Back in green.

Porter's Business College

520. L. 20. C. Title. R. TWENTY. Back in green and black.

April 3, 1946

Mr. John A. Muscalus
Box 185
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Muscalus:

It was nice of you to mention me as being helpful to you in your extensive work on business college notes. I know how much pleasure you derive in working up the information which you have from time to time published on various subjects, and I only wish I had more time to devote to the interesting side of numismatics.

I am anxious to obtain a bank note reporter published somewhere around 1855. I have an 1862 Gwyne & Day and an 1837 Bucknells, and I need a list which describes all the bank notes during some of the other intervening periods. Infact, I would also like one in the 1840's. Do you know where I could obtain any?

As to your desire to send me some complimentary copies of your business college list, I would be delighted to receive one or two. I do, however, want to complete my library with your pamphlets on paper money which I do not have. I need both your "Famous Paintings, Etc." and the "Views of Towns, Etc.". The only one which I recall that I have is the "Characters and Events Illustrated on State Bank Notes".

I have been devoting considerable time to my collection of paper money and am enjoying it tremendously. The biggest thrill I got a few years ago was discovering the oldest known picture of St. Louis and the oldest known picture of Herculaneum, Missouri, on the bank notes of the Bank of St. Louis. I may have told you about it at the time, but during the intervening years the art museum, historical societies, banks and other organisations have shown great interest in it.

If you are ever in St. Louis please let me know, as I am sure we will have a pleasant time together.

With kindest personal regards,

Very truly yours,

epn:eo

DR. JOHN A. MUSCALUS

Box No. 185
BRIDGEPORT, PA.

6 April 46

Dear friend Newman,

It is with pleasure that I enclose this booklet for you. Another copy & the two others you mentioned are also being sent but in a separate envelope. I hope you find it an attractive addition.

I'm glad to hear of your good fortune in locating the notes with the views. These early notes are interesting in many ways. I wouldn't mind buying one of the Bank of St Louis, 1817, notes for my own collection.

I'll keep a watchful eye for those detectors you still need. I think I can help you with your needs.

A trip to St Louis & Chicago are among my plans for the summer. if nothing interferes. It would be a pleasure to discuss matters of mutual interest with you.

Most cordially yours
John A. Muscalus.

Answered

4/2/46

DR. JOHN A. MUSCALUS

Box No. 185
BRIDGEPORT, PA.

June 21, 1948

Dear Sir,

I expect to spend some time on my hobby this summer and need some more material.

Could you send me about \$1,000⁰⁰ worth of notes on approval? Check would be sent within two hours after the notes are examined if found satisfactory.

Sincerely
Jh

P.S.

If you have a larger quantity, state your price.

June 22, 1948

Mr. J. Hayslum
Box 185
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Dear John:

I was very pleased to hear from you again. I thought of you some time ago when I discovered at the Missouri Historical Society that I was the collector of numerous college notes.

With respect to taking a lot of back notes, I was wondering what you would be able to do with a very large collection of notes to be brought to Hull. This would include state back notes, county, and township notes in many of the Confederate States of America. The St. Louis Times and Daily Democrat was a great many, and I was told, and if you want to travel a number of places in Hull we may be able to take out something.

Maybe let me know how you would like to have leaving time in about ten days and would like to know up what other notes I might expect to be prepared for such a lot of material.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARDS, JR.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CANISIUS COLLEGE
BUFFALO N. Y.

July 4, 1948

Dear Eric,

It would very much like to see the bulk of notes to which you refer. If possible, put one price on the bulk into a series & another on the state & C.S.G. issues. I feel is not easy to do, put a price on the lot.

As to the price basis, I'll leave that up to you. Without seeing the notes, it is pretty hard to do.

I'll be home this Saturday (10th) but if you think the package would not arrive there by Saturday, send it to me at

151 Parkside Ave
Buffalo, N.Y.

That is the address at which I'll be for a number of weeks except an occasional week end in Bridgeport. If the package is insured, it will be safer.

At the worst I don't buy the lot or two lots, I'll pay shipping charges both ways. However, I am anxious to spend a good sum on notes this summer & if the variety is good & price is fair, I'm sure we'll make a deal.

Incidentally, my decision to come up here for a while was one of those unaffected affairs.

Regards,
John C. Muscaluso.

July 9, 1948

Mr. J. A. Muscalus
151 Parkside Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mr. Muscalus:

I am sending to you under separate cover about 5800 pieces of paper money, including State Bank Notes, Southern State issues, and Confederate issues. They can be obtained for you for \$850.00. I cannot arrange for splitting the State Bank Notes from the others. I know you will have a lot of fun with them.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

July 14, 1948

Dear Eric,

Thanks very much for getting the notes
for me. My check for \$50⁰⁰ is enclosed.

Among them I see a few I can use but there
isn't the great variety I need for my purposes;
so if you know of other collections, keep me in mind.

Regards,

John G. Muscalus
151 Parkside Ave
Buffalo, N. Y.

July 16, 1948

Mr. J. A. Muscalus
151 Parkside Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mr. Muscalus:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 14, addressed to Mr. Newman, in which you enclosed your check in the amount of \$850, being payment for the approximately 5800 pieces of paper money he recently sent you.

At the present time Mr. Newman is in the East and is expected back in the office on Monday morning, July 19.

Very truly yours,

Secy. to Eric P. Newman

/me

Aug. 17, 1948

Hello, Eric!

I hope you have had a pleasant trip!

I have spent quite a few hours on the notes & every so often spotted a variety I didn't see at the first cursory examination. It certainly is enjoyable.

If you know of other collections & also of some cuts that may be available, send them in with the price; & if found satisfactory, a check will be mailed at once. To save time in your absence, I thought perhaps I could determine the availability of some cuts through the St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co. address in the event you left an list with them, but they indicated that I await your return.

An early reply would be appreciated so that if anything is available I can spend some time with it before Labor Day. I'll be teaching some graduate classes at Canisius College, Buffalo, after that.

I can spend up to 2000⁰⁰ if I can find the materials I want.

Regards,

John A. Muscaluso
Bx 185
Bridgeport, Pa.

September 2, 1948

Mr. John A. Muscalus
Box #185
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of August 17. I had a very delightful vacation wandering throughout California.

The St. Louis Stamp & Coin Company has a very large collection of cuts of coins, but none of the paper money. These cuts cover colonial and standard U. S. issues, as well as some foreign. There are several hundred.

I, as you know, have a very large assortment of paper money duplicates which contains some very nice items. There is a great deal of material in that group which is different from the lot you just bought, and also a great deal which is the same. If you want me to pick out several hundred or several thousand, or if you wish to buy the entire amount which, I guess, is in the neighborhood of 5,000, more or less, please let me know. I am sure my duplicates are substantially better than the ones you bought, as an average. Please let me know how you figure your purchases so that I will know whether to bulk the group or pick out things I think you will like.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPNewman/fm

SEP 7 1948 -9 AM

WUAA44 PD DUPLICATE OF TELEPHONED TELEGRAM

NORRISTOWN PENN SEP 4 920A

ERIC P NEWMAN CARE EDISON BROS STORES

SEND ENTIRE LOT OF FIVE THOUSAND NOTES OR MORE. REST

OF MY VACATION ENDS SATURDAY AM WIRING BECAUSE

POST OFFICE PROBABLY CLOSED MONDAY

JOHN A MUSCALUS BPORT PENN.

SEP 7.

September 9, 1948

Mr. John A. Muscalus
P.O. Box 185
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Muscalus:

I am sorry I did not receive your telegram until late Saturday, and at that time I was not in a position to send off the paper money to you. Today, however, I have shipped to you over 4,000 items, among which you will find some nice notes. In addition, I am sending you a group of foreign paper money which goes along with the balance without charge. I feel that \$800.00 is a fair price for these items, and hope you will get a lot of enjoyment out of them.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/me

Sept. 15, 1948

Dear Eric,

The notes arrived Monday & were forwarded to me here in Buffalo so that I could give them immediate attention in as much as I'll probably be here till the week end.

The mounted CSA notes shows somebody really spent many of hours on them. Too bad we don't find State bank notes set up that way.

In looking over the groups of notes I see that about $\frac{1}{3}$ are Confederate, State issues or China Sergies. These, especially the 323 small first Carolina issues, at an average of 20¢ per note seems high. Among the other notes, there are only about a dozen that would fill a genuine need.

In view of these facts, I'd like to make the following suggestions:

Let us select 25 notes at one dollar each or 100 notes at 65¢ each.

Or let the entire lot go at \$600⁰⁰. Personally I don't like to ask a fellow to reduce his price. If you have a better variety of notes than this lot, I am willing to pay much more than 20¢ per note. If you have something really nice, 35¢, 50¢ or 1.00 for larger lots would be O.K. I am willing to pay even more in a few cases where I can select notes.

I have asked a number of dealers to locate some large collections for me.

Incidentally, if the cuts contain colonial cuts, I might be interested in them or the entire lot, depending on the price.

(over)

I wish I could give you a more favorable reply than this because you have always been helpful. However, the manuscripts under preparation need data other than what I can obtain from these notes, & their only purpose would be for slave, laborious exchanges.

I'll keep the notes within the envelopes in exactly the same order you sent them ~~until~~ until I hear from you & will return them, all wrapped with payment or check in payment according to your choice & decision.

With kindest regards,
John G. Muscalus
Box 185
Bridgeport, Pa.

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September 16, 1948

Mr. John A. Muscalus
Box 185
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Muscalus:

I want you to be satisfied with the price on the lot of ~~colonial~~ colonial paper money which you have on hand and, therefore, you may send me the \$600.00 for the entire group as I have very little time to work on them.

As to the cuts, these include about 50 colonial cuts, each variety of each denomination of U.S., and about 50 foreign cuts. I have not counted them, but this is an offhand guess. They are line cuts and not screen cuts. If you are interested I will send them to you and you can name whatever price you believe is fair.

I am sure you would enjoy seeing my collection and deriving from it the information you wish. If there is any way I can be helpful to you, do not hesitate to call on me, as I believe my collection contains items which are really worth while.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPNewman/me

Sept. 22, 1948

Dear Eric,

My check in payment of the state bank notes, state issues + Confederates as per your letter of Sept. 16th is enclosed.

If you find that you have some scarcer notes for sale, let me know or just send them on.

I certainly wish I did have the time to enjoy a visit with you. The summer was so filled with necessary vocational matters that I got practically no leisure for travel. Perhaps in the near future I shall have the good fortune of a visit out your way.

It would be a favor if you would send the cuts. After examining them, I would state what I think I could pay for them.

Thanks again, + remember if you have + locate other notes, I still have some hobby money left.

Regards,
John

Enclosure:
Check No 388 for \$6.00⁰⁰

John A. Muscalus
Box 185
Bridgeport, Pa.

DR. JOHN A. MUSCALUS
Box No. 185
BRIDGEPORT, PA

Oct 16, 1948

Dear Eric,

I'm sorry I did not reply sooner. In fact, I'm writing from Buffalo now & just had a couple days last week end.

Am enclosing twenty dollars for the auto. If you feel that this is fair, keep the check; if not fair, return it & I'll return the auto.

Weather is cold & rainy up here. In fact, there is a forecast of snow for to-day or to-morrow.

Regards,
John

P.S.

Does your local library ^{historical society} have many business college notes?

DR. JOHN A. MUSCALUS

Box No. 185

BRIDGEPORT, PA.

Nov. 13, 1948

Dear Sir,

I am in urgent need of paper money pertaining to Buffalo, N. Y. If you have any for disposal, it would be a big help.

Also, if you have any other miscellaneous lots other than C. S. A. or State issues, I'd be very much interested either in making an offer or in buying at a much higher price than I paid for the lot with the C. S. A., etc. Just mail it on.

With best wishes + hopes for an early reply,

Cordially,

John

Reply to
151 Parkside Ave
Buffalo, N. Y.

November 22, 1948

Dr. John A. Muscalus
151 Parkside Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Dear John:

In reply to your recent letters, I can only say that I have some items from Buffalo, New York in my principal collection but do not wish to dispose of them unless you have some very good reason for needing them. I will gladly lend them to you, if you wish. I am enclosing a sheet from a Barney Bluestone auction list which has a Buffalo note as Lot 1615.

You inquired as to Business College notes in the Missouri Historical Society. I would estimate there are about 40 or 50 notes. Perhaps I could arrange for you to see them if they could be sent to some other library for your examination. They are a little hesitant about sending them to private individuals, as you can well understand, for they look on all their material as being priceless. I have a few nice notes I can sell if you want them, and will look into them shortly.

I see you are doing a lot of work recently on the subject of paper money. There is a great deal of information which could be added to your miscellaneous lists from my collection. I believe an opportunity to study it should be arranged, as I have a great many unusual items of which you apparently are not aware.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/me

DR. JOHN A. MUSCALUS
Box No. 185
BRIDGEPORT, PA.

Wednesday
Dec 1, 1948

Dear Eric,

Your letter was one of the highlights of the past week; & I earnestly hope you have had time to look into those notes you said you have to sell. I can still use up to \$1000 worth, maybe more. I just returned one lot of 800 all different, but I never saw so many counterfeit & ragged notes in one lot, in spite of the rarity of some of them & the reasonableness of the price. He was just unbelievable.

As for Buffalo (Lockport & Niagara Falls, also), that is my most urgent need. I am trying to complete a manuscript & perhaps an exhibit by the 1st or the subject of Buffalo & vicinity.

I would deem it a special favor if you would sell me your Buffalo notes. I have a good number & a few are coming in slow in response to an appeal sent out to many of my friends. But there are still many vacant spots & many that are almost undecipherable. So, this is another time when you can be of real help as you were with the Business College issues & manuscript. I am sure you can be of more help than the others.

I am most anxious to visit you & am looking for an opportune time. Occasionally I have a free Monday & it might be that I could see you on a Sunday evening or a Monday or Monday evening depending upon your hours.

I'll see what the typical schedules are out of Buffalo.

You & I can be of great service to each other often while.

Best to
151 Parkside Ave, Buffalo, N.Y.

Kind regards,
John

December 15, 1948

Dr. John A. Muscalus
151 Parkside Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Dear John:

I have assembled my Buffalo notes and find that I have 21, which I do not wish to sell but will be more than glad to lend them to you if you need them for an exhibition. They consist of the following:

- \$1, \$5 Sackets Harbor Bank
- \$1 Rich's Bank of Exchange
- \$10, \$20 1933 Buffalo Clearing House Certificates
- \$2 Commercial Bank
- \$1 Lockport City Bank altered to a \$10
- \$2 Lockport Bank & Trust Company
- \$2, \$5 Walter Joy's Bank of Buffalo
- \$50 International Bank
- \$2 Hollister Bank of Buffalo
- 5¢, 10¢ Hamlin's Banking House
- \$3 Marine Bank
- 12¢, 37¢, \$2, \$2, \$3, \$3, \$5 Bank of Niagara
- \$1 Private scrip.

I certainly look forward to a visit from you at any time it is convenient. I, of course, work during the day on Monday, but by the time we have spent a Sunday night together and you have gotten acquainted with my collection you could spend Monday looking it over without me.

My Best Holiday Greetings to you.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/me

April 3, 1949

Hello Eric,

Last time I wrote you I inquired about some notes from Buffalo & vicinity & you sent me a list of some 21 notes.

Among them are 13 I would like to own. In fact, maybe some of the others are varieties. Would you accept the enclosed check & note in trade for the 21 notes? It's a very liberal offer & I make it because I need the notes. So far I have over 100 in this special collection.

Also, did you assemble that lot of notes for me. I offered to buy up to \$1000 worth or more.

My latest book is "Paper Money in Sheets". It contains 106 pages of illustrations of notes in sheets of 4, 3 or 2 notes (2 angles with 4 or more). If the publisher has not sent you a copy yet, let me know.

I have not succeeded in identifying the gentleman in the beautiful green \$100 Bill of St. Louis with the steamboat in central vignette. Do you happen to know who he is?

I hope you sell me the notes.

Kindest regards,
John A. Muscaluso
Box 185
Bridgeport, Pa.

April 5, 1949

Mr. John A. Muscalus
Box 185
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Muscalus:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 3 to Mr. Newman, in which you enclosed a \$20 Union Bank of Missouri note, together with your check in the sum of \$35 payable to Mr. Newman.

At the present time Mr. Newman is vacationing in Europe and will be back in the office at the end of this month, at which time your letter will be brought to his attention.

Very truly yours,

Secy. to Mr. Newman

ME

May 9, 1949

Mr. John Muscalus
Box 185
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania

Dear John:

Your letter which came in my absence is very much appreciated, and I am sorry that up to now you have never had the opportunity to come to see my collection. You are a person who would really appreciate it, and I am looking forward to a very good time together whenever that can be arranged.

As far as the Buffalo items are concerned, I will, as I indicated, be glad to lend them to you for any exhibition, but it would be like cutting off my right arm to part with them. Perhaps we can trade something at some time in the future as your collection keeps on growing, but I am sure you understand my reasons for not wishing to sell them. I am thus returning the items sent in exchange.

You are writing so many books that I can hardly keep up with them. I do not have your "Paper Money in Sheets" nor your complete list of "All State Bank Notes." If you want to send these to me they will be most welcome. In fact, if you have a list handy of all of your publications I would like to see what I am missing and complete the same.

I am sending to you the article on "Fugio Cents," previously published this year, and I practically wrecked my eyes working on it.

Your inquiry with respect to the \$10 Bank of St. Louis note which contains a portrait is probably the President of the Bank of St. Louis, but I am not sure. I will be glad to turn this problem over to the Missouri Historical Society which, I am sure, will be delighted to check the names of the bank officials with pictures they might have in their files. Do you want me to do this for you?

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

DR. JOHN A. MUSCALUS

Box No. 105

BRIDGEPORT, PA.

11 Blessing Ave
Buffalo 8, N. Y.

Nov. 6, 1949

Dear Eric,

It's about time I acknowledge my appreciation for the article you sent sometime ago. It was well written & correlated nicely with mine on the early obsolete $\frac{1}{2}$ bit & 1 bit issues. Thanks very much!

I am sending you a complimentary copy of my Paper Money in Sheets & as soon as the revised editions of the Dictionary & any others are available, copies will be sent. Did you get my County Brief publication? If not, I'll send one.

For convenience, I'd like to borrow your Buffalo, N. Y. issues for a couple days.

Also, if you have assembled any notes to dispose of, such as, State bond issues, scrip, State & C-S. A issues, send them on. I could use up to \$1000 worth. There are so many notes I need! They all help with revisions. If I don't spend the money on notes, Santa Claus is apt to get it. And I keep my notes classified in so many ways, it helps if I have two or even three of a kind at times. So, if you have a box of them to dispose of, I'll be glad to have you send them.

With kindest regards,
John.

P.S. I think we are having a convention this coming year in the midwest, perhaps in your State.

November 16, 1949

Dr. John A. Mustalus
11 Blaine Avenue
Buffalo 8, New York

Dear John:

I appreciated your nice note of November 6, 1949 and enjoyed very much the pamphlet on Paper Money in Sheets. You certainly have included some very interesting items. I don't know whether I ever told you that I have a large collection of sheets, and I may be able to add 50 or more to your list at any time you wish. It is a shame you did not write me prior to this publication, as on pages 17 and 54 you published incomplete sheets and I could have given you full ones. I am sure your publication will provoke a great deal of interest, and I am still looking forward to the time when we can get together and enjoy one another's items.

Fred Marckhoff came down from Chicago to pay me a visit. We had a very pleasant day together talking paper money.

In accordance with your request, I am sending you the Buffalo, New York issues which I previously sent you. They will be sent under separate cover.

I do not have a copy of your County Scrip publication and would appreciate receiving the same. I will be glad to note any additions I can make. You are in such a virgin field that it is very difficult to obtain any real completeness for the first several revisions.

I would prefer exchanging with you items I do not have rather than disposing of any of my remaining duplicates, so when you get your duplicates in shape so that I can look them over, let me know.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

DR. JOHN A. MUSCALUS

Box No. 105
BRIDGEPORT, PA.

11 Blaine Ave
Buffalo 8 N. Y.

April 16 1950

Dear Eric,

You must have the patience of several saints to let me hold your notes so many weeks! I hope I did not stretch our friendship to the breaking point!

I was working on a Manuscript & was not sure of just how they would fit into it & it was not until this brief Easter vacation that I got a chance to clear up the overdue mail.

"Paper Money in Sheets" is not a complete portrayal of my sheets. I have as many that are not in it. You will note that some common sheets were omitted.

Yes, "County Scrap" will have to go through several editions before it approaches completion. I already have quite a few new ones to include.

If you care to sell me any of those Buffalo notes or to trade any of them, please let me know.

Do you need the 10¢ 25¢ + 50¢ Mail Contractors (wry), Independence, Mo. 1865?

On the \$1 Southern Bank of St. Louis June 17, 1861?

Kindest regards,
John

April 18, 1950

Dr. John A. Muscalus
11 Blaine Avenue
Buffalo 8, New York

Dear John:

The notes which you returned to me arrived, but I had not given up hope. I have been working for the last several weeks going over all of my banknotes to determine which are altered, which are imitation, and which are genuine. This is a fascinating activity.

If you want me to add to your county notes I will, of course, be glad to work on that. I believe you should also work on city notes, which has been started in the paper money catalog.

You seem to want these New York notes from your area so badly that I will be glad to see what you can trade me. I have the \$1 Southern Bank of St. Louis but will accept another specimen in trade. I am also interested in Western banknotes and scrip, particularly Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Arkansas, Nebraska, California and Texas. Of course I have many of these but have many, many holes. I do not need any State or Government issues of Texas or any Texas County warrants or Arkansas state issues. Just send me a list of what you have and I think I will be able to find something. Please send the Mail Contract or set to me for examination only, as mine are unsigned and yours appear to be dated - or aren't they?

I am always glad to hear from you, and hope some items can be found on your list for a swap.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPNewman/nw

DR. JOHN A. MUSCALUS

~~Box No. 185~~

~~BRIDGEPORT, PA.~~

11 Blaine Ave
Buffalo 8 N. Y.

April 23, 1950

Dear Eric,

I am delighted with your offer to trade for those Buffalo notes I want. I am sure I can supply some superb notes & am enclosing a few in as much as listing would be rather lengthy.

I am most anxious to get the International note, the Exchange Bank (Ohio), the Niagara Bank fractionals & then the others, in the adas listed.

I have a very extensive check list of altered notes & at one time possessed a superb collection of them & still have many. My list would be of help to you in locating the originals.

Will check with you later concerning county issues you have. Am also interested in eventually making a municipal listing of units smaller than the county.

The Mail Contractor notes have a pencilled date & therefore might not be authentic.

Thanks again for your cooperation. It is always appreciated.

Regards,
John

DR. JOHN A. MUSCALUS

Box No. 185

BRIDGEPORT, PA

11 Blaine Ave
Buffalo 8, N. Y.

Dear Eric,

Due to Masters Examinations, this is the earliest opportunity to reply.

Am enclosing some others, also a list of the scarcer notes in the States you mentioned. I mention the most common.

I have some Calif. series & some Ill. proofs for possible future trades.

Regards,
John

#3 Canal (tom) I have 5
3 Illinois River I have 1
2 Payson

Kansas

1, 3, 5 Kansas State Savings Bank

1, 2, 2, 5, 10 Provers Bank

✓✓ 5, 10 Merchants Bank FA Government

1 1st, 4th & Co

2, 5 City of Leavenworth 1871

1 " " Wapondott (on Kansas City)

50, 50k, 1 Clay Center Chamber of Commerce Smp.

1/2, 1d + 2k More More Fabens, Kans.

Iowa

5 Osakoon branch, State Bank of Iowa

Class 3 1 Waporgum Land Co Anamosa

2 Town of Burlington

Class 1-2 2 Merchants Ins. Co + Burlington Savings Bank Burlington

1 Town of Cedar Falls

25k Corn Exchange Clear Lake Smp.

25k, 50k H 1 Burlington Community Smp

1 Mason City Chamber of Commerce

50k West Burlington Smp.

Nebr.

Orange 5 Benningville Bank & Land Co 4 varieties

10 " " " " 2 " (brown + green)

Red + White 3 " " " " "

2, 5 Omaha City Bank & Land Co

1, 2, 5, 10 Fortitude Bank May 3 & 10 arealey + poor

1, 2 City of Lincoln

1, 2, 5 Platte Valley Bank

2, 5, Nebraska Vally Bank

1 Omaha + Chicago Bank

April 27, 1950

Dr. John A. Muscalus
11 Blaine Avenue
Buffalo 8, New York

Dear John:

You indicate in your letter of April 23, 1950 that you have some nice western notes to exchange, and I am wondering if you can take time out to list a few of them. I am going to narrow my request to a list of your Utah, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska items. I assume you have nothing else in Missouri.

I do expect something nice for the notes you want, as the view of Niagara Falls is excessively attractive and I only have one 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent note in my collection and prefer not to part with this denomination except for some other unusual item.

I hope I am not imposing on you by asking for too much detail.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPNewman/mw

July 11, 1950

Dr. John A. Muscalus
11 Blaine Avenue
Buffalo 8, New York

Dear John:



It was only the other day that I was reminded of you when a Mr. Barrett of Tulsa visited me in St. Louis and spoke about you. You will recall that you wanted to trade me something for certain notes in and around Buffalo, and naturally you picked on the choicest items. The View of Niagara Falls is the only one in my collection and is dated 1865. As you know, it is exceedingly rare. The 37th note of the Bank of Niagara is one of the two 37th notes in my collection. Everyone seems to want that denomination and they are very difficult to obtain. I am sure you realize that I do not wish to make too hard a bargain in exchange, but you are asking for some lovely items. I, therefore, would like you to send me some additional items which you listed, in the hopes of being able to work out something fair.

Please send me the following:

- \$ 5 Merchants Bank, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
- \$1 Scott Kerr Company, Kansas
- \$2 and \$5 City of Leavenworth, Kansas
- \$1 City of Wyandotte, Kansas
- \$1 and \$2 City of Lincoln, Nebraska
- \$2, \$3, \$5 and \$10 Fontenelle Bank
- \$2, \$10 Flat Valley Bank, Nebraska
- \$1 Omaha and Chicope Bank, Nebraska
- \$2 Merchants Insurance Company, Burlington, Iowa
- \$2 Town of Bentonport, Iowa
- \$1 Wapsipinicon Land Company, Iowa.

#2

Dr. John A. Muscalus

July 11, 1950

I have some of the above and merely wish to see their condition before selecting something for exchange. In the meantime I am returning herewith three Utah items, two Nebraska items, and five Illinois items which you forwarded to me and which I already have.

I was doing a great deal of research on my paper money prior to my family problems, having borrowed Mr. Dillistin's Counterfeit Detesters. I have been endeavoring to determine the source of all the altered bills in my collection and have been very successful. The only one that bothers me is the Pioneer Association of Lafayette, Indiana, which is abbreviated "Ia." Apparently that is a fraudulent issue with Indiana improperly abbreviated in order to deceive. If you have any alterations which you have not been able to locate, do not hesitate to ask me as I straightened out Mr. Barrett on a number of these items.

With kindest personal regards to you.

Sincerely,

EPNewman/mw

DR. JOHN A. MUSCALUS

BOX NO. 185

BRIDGEPORT, PA.

11 Blaine Ave
Buffalo 8 N. Y.

July 23, 1850

Dear Eric,

It was good to hear from you because I shall have some spare time very shortly & am anxious to devote it to my hobby.

Since last writing you, I acquired some 24 more Buffalo items. Among them was a "3 Marine Bank & a St. Hamilton's Banking House. They are probably similar to those you have. So delete them.

Would like to complete the trade. If you don't care to part with a certain note, trade what you wish at the moment. Actually, the $87\frac{1}{2}$ note is probably the rare denomination.

Barnett sure gets around. He visited me on a few occasions. We had a pleasant time.

Am glad to hear of your success at identifying altered notes. I have quite a list of altered notes I have a few tough ones I can't solve.

Of those you listed, ten are enclosed.

Regards,
John.

Mr John Muscalus
11 Blaine Ave
Buffalo, N.Y

July 27, 1950

Dear John —

This trading idea hurts me as I previously stated because I am parting with notes I do not have. I am a little disappointed in not being able to see my way clear to part with the 37½¢ note. As some of the items I am retaining are torn ^{unsigned} etc I want you to realize that in keeping more notes than I am sending to you I am trying to be fair and if you are not satisfied we will still be friends.

There is sent for you —

- #1 Pecla's (Niagara Falls picture) — a gem
- #50 International Proof — a gem
- #10, 20 Buffalo Clearing House
- #2 Commercial
- #2, 5 Walter Jays Bank proofs — nice
- #2 Hollister
- 12½ Bank of Niagara signed rare
- #1 1836 private scrip Buffalo

I am retaining:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| #3 Canal, Ill (torn) | #1 Scatterer Kan |
| #3, 10 Marine, Ill proofs | #2 Bentonport, Ia |
| #1 ^{as Southern} 5¢ Harris | #10 Bronville, Neb |
| #5 Merchants | #3 Ill River (torn) |
| #1 Omaha + Chicago (torn) | #2 Peoples Ill |
| #2, 5 Leavenworth unsigned | #1, 2 Winslow, Steamworks unsigned |
| 25¢ Louchheim, Ill | #2, 5 Fontenelle, Neb |

I am returning two Fontenelles

We all seem to be curious about alterations

and if there are any you cant identify
the original let me look. I have
found all of mine, all of Barretts
and have borrowed enough detectors
to identify the rest.

I want to buy a few counterfeit
detectors from different periods so if
you have any for sale let me know.

When are we ever going to get together

Sincerely
Enc.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 29, 1972

Dr. John A. Muscalus
P. O. Box 185
Bridgeport, Penna.

Dear John:

The \$5 Ozark Iron Company Store, of 1874, is an item which would fit in my collection, as I told you in New Orleans. I suggested that I would probably have something in exchange which would please you more and wonder what would be of interest to you. I would also be interested in the Corporation of Washington \$1 note of 1832 illustrated in your pamphlet on the Capitol if that is available.

I am simply amazed at the number of pamphlets you continue to produce and the collateral material you develop to create interest in paper money. I can realize how much satisfaction that gives you, both in developing the material, and finding how much interest others have in it.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 10, 1972

Dr. John A. Muscalus
P. O. Box 185
Bridgeport, Penna.

Dear John:

Were you ever able to find the \$5 Ozark Iron Company scrip which you indicated you had when I saw you in New Orleans? I also want to know whether it is ink stamped with your name. I look forward to hearing from you on this.

Cordially,

EPN/atb

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 29, 1973

Dr. John A. Muscalus
P. O. Box 185
Bridgeport, Penna.

Dear John:

Quite a while back I wrote you about the Ozark Iron Company Store scrip which you owned and I have never had an answer.

I have a set of \$1, \$5 and \$10 Commercial Institute Bank of Holton, Kansas, which I believe are quite scarce because they are of Western origin. They are dated 1882 and a photocopy of the \$10 is enclosed. I recently acquired them and since I do not collect this type of paper money and I know you do, I thought you would be interested in exchanging this set of three for the one piece of scrip I am interested in.

May I hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

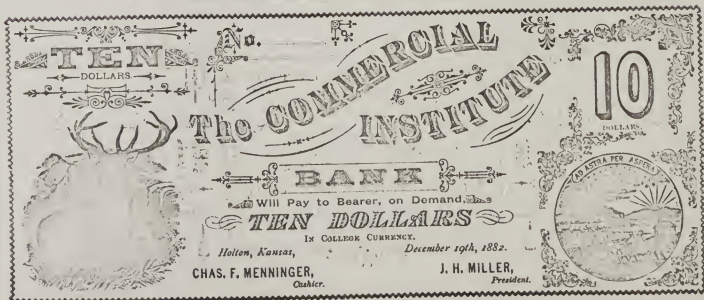
P. S. I understand you were working with Rothstein on medical advertisements which look like money. That ought to be fascinating.

EPN



CHAS. F. MENNINGER

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Dr. John A. Muscalus Feb. 20, 1973
Box 105
Bridgeport, Tenn.
19405

Dear Eric,

Thanks very much for your patience!

The college moved to a new campus near Princeton University and I was asked to draft a history of the college to be distributed at the time of the dedication. Consequently, letters requesting visits to the vaults or extensive answers piled up somewhat. I hope the best of them will be cleared up by to-morrow night!

I am enclosing the Ozark note in exchange for the three college notes of which you kindly sent me a photo copy representative of one of them.

I have been setting aside occasional items to call to your attention. At the present there are the following odd notes

- ① 25¢ fractional currency format Outley & Bell's Good Pictures, Opposite Planter House. St. Louis
- ② 50¢ fractional currency format Star Clothing House St. Louis
- ③ 50 bank-note type New York Jewelry Co. St. Louis
- ④ Unusual draft on Bank of Stanbury 188-
- ⑤ Strip of 8 admission tickets (the Press) to the St. Louis Agricultural & Mechanical Assoc. week of 4-11
- ⑥ Export & Crane Dry Goods Market and stamped on a Bank of Kentucky note.

I published a Medical Monograph a few years ago which intrigued Dr. Jockhinton & he has been interested in joining in or replicating one in ads cordially,
J.A.M.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 27, 1973

Dr. John A. Muscalus
Box 185
Bridgeport, Penna. 19405

Dear John:

In accordance with our understanding, I am enclosing the \$1, \$5 and \$10 of the Commercial Institute Bank, Holton, Kansas, dated December 19th, 1882 in exchange for the \$5 Ozark Iron Works Company note.

I often get behind in my correspondence so I fully understand your position.

With respect to the advertising notes from the St. Louis area which you mentioned, I would be glad to add to my collection the 25¢ fractional currency format of Outley & Bell's Good Pictures; the 50¢ fractional currency format of Star Clothing House; and the Egbert & Crane Dry Goods Market, on the Bank of Kentucky note. The other items I do not collect.

If I knew what series would please you, I would certainly try to dig it up and want you to make suggestions as to what things you are working on at the present time. Otherwise, I will have to dig around to find something which I think will be pleasing to you.

If you want to, please send me the advertising items above mentioned with your response, as that will stimulate me to pursue the matter vigorously.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

Dr. John A. Muscalus
Box 105
Bridgeport, Penna.
March 9, 1973

Dear Eric,

The Business College notes arrived safely and I am pleased to add them to my collection.

The three items you requested are enclosed. It would be a big help if you could send me any items listed below. Of course, I shall have more Missouri items put by for you.

Fishersville, N. J. scrip, especially glass co.

N. Y.: Irving Bank, N. Y. C. any

#20 Romulus Farmers Bank of Seneca County

10 Bank of Old Saratoga

Md.: #5 Howard Bank, Baltimore

20 " " "

Mich.: 20 Bank of Battle Creek.

VA. any genuine note of Stark Bank, Bennington

#1. Bank of Lyndon with Jackson portrait

#1. Bank of Rutland " Marble quarry.

Georgia #50 Bank of Savannah

Indiana #1. Tappan Bank

10. Agriculture Bank, Sterling

New Jersey: Bordentown Banking Co bank notes, not scrip payable at.

R. I. #100 Bank of Rhode Island

Pa. #50 Union Bank, Phila.

2. Lancaster Bank.

Glass mfg: any except Salem Vermont Glass Factory

Bedford in Mansard Labor.

Cordially,
John.

Dr. John A. Muscalus
Box 185
Bridgeport, Tenn.

1975
Aug 14, 1973.

Hello Eric!

I have not heard from you in some time.
Maybe you can bring something for me to
the A. N. A?

The outlook for the Convention looks good.

Cordially
JL

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 28, 1973

Dr. John A. Muscalus
Box 185
Bridgeport, Pennsylvania 19405

Dear John:

I did not see you at the ANA and brought things for you. You had sent me three St. Louis advertising notes and I am enclosing in exchange three similar ones from the New York area. I certainly hope they please you.

You seem to keep your writing flowing faster than a stream.

My kindest regards,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:jah

Encls.

Dr. John A. Muscalus
Box 105
Bridgeport, Conn.
1945
Sept. 12, 1973.

Dear Eric,

The ad notice arrived safely. Thanks! I'm sorry I didn't see you in Boston. I had a chance to display my publications & consequently did not circulate among the collectors as I would have liked to do.

I wanted to show you a little curiosity that might be of interest to you mainly because it is a Newbury-numismatic item related to paper money. I am enclosing one for you to see. If of interest perhaps you have something to trade. I have ~~four~~ ^{six} others that portray different notes. They are mounted on the back of a colored print.

Cordially,
John

Dr. John A. Muscalus
Box 185
Bridgeport, Tenn.

1945
Aug. 1, 1974.

Dear Eric,

Can you get me a #2. Mechanics Book note
of St. Louis, 1861?

Thanks ever so much!

Cordially
JH

Answered
8/7/74

No information on d. except
listing - SPN